

Draft Regulatory
Committee Minutes -
April 2014- 4/11/2014



Regulatory Programs Committee
April 11, 2014 Agency
Meeting; REW:mlr

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Committee Members present: Sherman Craig, Chair, Richard Booth, and Lynn Mahoney (Department of State), and Chairwoman Ulrich.

Other Agency Members and Designees present: Daniel Wilt, Karyn Richards (Department of Environmental Conservation), Bradley Austin, (NYS Department of Economic Development), and William Thomas and Karen Feldman.

Agency Staff present: Terry Martino, Executive Director and James Townsend, Counsel.

Member Lussi and Mr. Stegemann were not present at the April 2014 Agency meeting.

Local Government Review Board Representative: Fred Monroe, Executive Director

The Committee convened at 9:30 am.

1. Approval of March Draft Regulatory Programs Committee Minutes

On motion of Member Booth and seconded by Chairwoman Ulrich, the Committee unanimously adopted the Draft Regulatory Committee Minutes of the March 2014 Agency meeting.

2. Deputy Director (Regulatory Programs) Report (R. Weber)

Mr. Weber reviewed the monthly statistics of applications received and permits issued.

Mr. Weber highlighted several projects from the High Profile Report and welcomed questions from the Board.

- 3) Project Review of Essex County Emergency Communications Network (Emergency Services Director-Donald Jaquish, Deputy Director- Michael Blaise, and Project Coordinator-Travis LePage) will provide an overview of the Emergency Communication Network project in Essex County

Mr. Weber congratulated the review team from all agencies in the thorough and efficient process with the success of this project.

Mr. Weber briefly reviewed for the Board Project 2012-128.

Mr. Weber explained the replacement emergency communications system and what the project involved. He explained the three components of the system and said the project involved 12 towns and 14 project sites.

Mr. Weber noted that the project had been a preapplication for 2 ½ years and once the actual permit application was submitted, staff reviewed and approved the project in 4 ½ months. He said staff was reviewing the preapplication while details of the system design were being developed.

Mr. Weber introduced Donald Jaquish-Emergency Services Director, Michael Blaise, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, Travis LePage.

Mr. LePage stated P2012-128 involved the construction of communications infrastructure at 14 sites within the Adirondack Park. The development included the construction of two new towers (one of which is a replacement of a nearby tower), the replacement and extension of two existing towers, and the co-location of infrastructure at 12 existing locations.

He stated the only site at the present time that has not been completed is Gore Mountain, Town of Johnsbury, Warren County. Mr. LePage noted that the pre-existing fire tower is inventoried in the 1995 Unit Management Plan update and amendment for Gore Mountain.

Mr. LePage discussed the condition that applied to Gore Mountain, Blue Mountain, Little Whiteface Mountain, and Mount Morris regarding the Bicknell's Thrush breeding and/or nesting season and noted that no disturbance has occurred.

He stated for all sites, all abandoned and/or obsolete infrastructures of Essex County, NYSP and/or NYSED shall be removed upon activation of the new public safety communications system and shared network.

Mr. LePage stated that minimizing the visual impact of the project was a critical design consideration to maintain the long-term undeveloped open space character of the Park.

Mr. Craig and Executive Director Martino thanked Mr. LePage for an excellent presentation and noted that this is an important project and a model for all counties in New York State.

- (4) General Permit 2014G-1, (M. Rooks) "Management of Terrestrial Invasive Plant Species in or Within 100' of Wetlands in the Adirondack Park"

Mr. Rooks discussed the changes to the draft general permit presented to the Board in February. He reviewed comment letters received.

Mr. Valentino made a motion to move the draft general permit to Full Agency for approval and Chairwoman Ulrich seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

General Permit 2014G-2, (M. Rooks) "Replacement of Utility Poles in Wetlands and Access to Poles in Wetlands Using Temporary Structures"

Mr. Rooks discussed the changes to the draft general permit presented to the Board in February.

Mr. Booth commented that the relationship of the height of utility poles/lines to the surrounding vegetation to the road sides is an important consideration.

Mr. Valentino mad a motion to move the draft general permit to Full Agency for approval and Chairwoman Ulrich seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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5. Old Business: No

6. New Business: No

Adjournment: The Regulatory Committee meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Note: The power point presentations referred to herein are on file at the Agency. Copies are also available for inspection on request and can be viewed at http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 of this meeting: